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BUSINESS SCHOOL

From the Associate Dean (Research)

Update #3, 2023

Hi all,

Induction day devoted to research

It was lovely to meet new colleagues at the two-day induction event last week. The 1st session on 20 April was devoted to issues related to our research ecosystem, research priorities, how we organise the research support and manage our research funding, how we balance between disciplinary and transdisciplinary research, and how our Research Centres and Research Beacons work. A session tailored for research-active staff covered PBRF and how we work with UniServices. The session on our Disciplinary Areas was also a good opportunity to discuss issues that matter to all academic staff. Once again, a warm welcome to all of you!

Mid-career researchers in focus

After we have analysed the input from the focus groups meetings with several of our mid-career researchers (MCRs) that took place in the second half of last year, we will be kicking off initiatives focused on this cohort in the Business School. We define MCRs broadly as academics with a PhD degree, eight years or more of research experience, not in the final stage of their academic career, and identifying as MCRs. The first session (details below) will be devoted to outlining the work agenda in that space and is organised by Prof Emeritus Rod Brodie and Dr Lisa Callagher (Department of MIB). Honorary Prof Paul Hibbert (University of St Andrews) will facilitate the session. MCRs are invited to attend.

Summer Research Scholarships

The Summer Research Scholarship programme has been confirmed for 2023/2024. The Business School has been allocated 19 scholarships at a value of \$6,750 each. The application deadline for researchers to submit their research projects' outlines is 1 June. Students will be able to apply from 10 July to 10 August; if accepted, they will undertake the research from the beginning of December 2023 to the end of February 2024. Many colleagues have made very good use of this scheme in the past. We will provide more information in the coming weeks, so this is just a heads-up.

New Research Data Management Policy

The [RDM policy](#) has important consequences for two groups: researchers and research supervisors. It is a 3-page document outlining their responsibilities, summarised in 13 and two areas, respectively. The policy was approved 4 April and will commence 1 July, and together with the [policy guidance](#), is consistent with:

- international standards for [FAIR data](#) and open research that are increasingly required by funders, data providers, and publishers,
- the University's obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and commitment in Taumata Teitei to becoming a Māori data sovereignty organisation,
- the [CARE principles](#) for the governance of indigenous data, including Pacific data, and
- legal, ethical and [Trusted Research-Protective Security Requirements \(TR-PSR\)](#) for research data.

The Centre for eResearch will be rolling out the policy over the next two months – there will be training opportunities for researchers and supervisors at the Business School.

Research Translation Competition 2023

This would be the 4th Research Translation Competition and like twice earlier, our Business School will be taking the lead in organising it. The other seven New Zealand business schools have confirmed their interest in participating. The Competition aims to promote the visibility and relevance of business and economics research to external stakeholders. Academic staff is invited to select a journal article of their own that was published within the last three years and re-write it into a short piece in plain English (no more than 750 words long so it could subsequently be submitted to The Conversation or similar outlets). We are aiming for a submission date in August. For more information on previous competitions, please see the [New Zealand Business Research Translation Competition webpage](#) or have a chat with Christiane Rupp from our Research Services team.

Researcher Skills and Development space on ResearchHub

This [new space](#) addresses a critical issue identified during the Researcher Journey Mapping exercise conducted at the University, namely the lack of visibility of available development opportunities based on capability area. The Researcher Development space has been launched with seven prioritised capability areas – Research supervision, Research impact, Research data management, Digital research skills, Research publishing, Human ethics, animal ethics and biological safety, and Responsiveness to and engagement with Māori.

Funding opportunity for early career researchers

The African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) and U21 are launching [this funding opportunity](#) to mark the beginning of a wider network to network partnership. The ARUA-U21 ECR Collaborative Awards will support ECR-led projects between ARUA and U21 network member universities and provides up to \$15,000 of project funding. Multi- and interdisciplinary projects are encouraged, and project teams can include doctoral and industry partners/NGOs. Funding will be awarded in the following areas: Food security; Climate and Development; and Water. ARUA and U21 will be running a series of informal workshops in June to help potential collaborators connect with each other (information available via link above). The submission deadline for proposals is 31 July.

Upcoming research events and deadlines

9 May: [Royal Society NZ – James Cook Research Fellowship](#) – up to \$110,000 p.a. for two years

16 May, 12–1 pm: [Beyond metrics: evaluating social impacts of arts](#) webinar organised by UoA Office of Research Strategy and Integrity

18 May: [CMDT/MedTech – Stage 1 Research Acceleration Grants](#) – up to \$20,000 for one year

22 May: [Internet Society Foundation Grants](#) – up to \$790,000 for two years

25 May, 2–4 pm in Decima Glenn: Introducing the work agenda for MCR development at UABS

21 June: [Ministry of Environment - Plastics Innovation Fund](#) – from \$20,000 for scoping and \$50,000 for project grants

Did you know?

Students and staff from across the University meet online every Wednesday at 1pm to write. [Shut up and write!](#) provides time and space to work on a thesis, research paper, data analysis or other writing tasks we have been putting off. The Pomodoro technique (25-minute writing sprints with short coffee/social breaks in between) is used to help focus our writing, overcome procrastination, and build good writing habits.

Colleagues in the Business School ran similar sessions twice a week over several months. Many of us benefited from this simple, but effective initiative.

Take care and best regards,

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This email is intended to keep staff of the University of Auckland Business School informed about research developments, news, events, and funding opportunities. The Update has been issued since 2018. You can view editions from 2021 onwards on the [Research section of the Business School internet pages](#).